FISCAL NOTE

HB 2960 - SB 3099

February 29, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires each school nurse employed by or provided to a local education agency to maintain certification by the American Red Cross or other qualified certifying agency in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). The bill also requires public schools to have at least one employee or volunteer who is certified in first aid and CPR.

Present law encourages public schools to employ, or accept as a volunteer, a person who is currently certified to administer emergency first aid and CPR.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Less than \$50,000*

Estimate assumes:

- The Red Cross currently provides adult CPR training at a cost of \$45 for the initial adult CPR course. After the initial cost of \$45 the first year, annual recertification costs through the Red Cross are \$25 per year if such recertification is applied for before the end of each year.
- Some LEAs would need to pay the cost of CPR training in order to have a school employee with CPR certification.
- School nurses either employed by or provided to the schools would already be certified in CPR. The BEP currently generated funds for 331 public school nurses.
- All 1600 schools would be required to have an employee or volunteer certified in first aid and CPR.
- School employees could receive training from the Red Cross. Some of the schools already have an employee that is certified in CPR and would only be responsible for the annual cost of recertification of \$25 while others would need to pay the first year certification cost of \$45 per employee.
- Local government expenditures are expected to increase less than \$50,000.

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director